transmitters of Orissa have started relaying the regional programes of Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack via satellite with effect from 7-9-1991.

(b) and (c). Whereas a request has been received from the State Government of Orissa for live telecast of Car Festival of Lord Jagannath from Puri, the same has not been found feasible on policy and technical consideration. However, a special report on the festival would continue to be telecast on the same day in Doordarshan's National Network which could be viewed by a large number of viewers all over India.

Assistance for Naxalite Infested Blocks in Orissa

2858. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for Rs. 162 crores aid to finance the Special Area Development Programme for twelve naxalite infested blocks of Keraput and Ganjam districts of Orissa have been pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has requested the Union Government to speed-up sanction of funds for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A proposal was received from the State Government of Orissa for financial assistance for an action plan for development of the naxalite affected areas of the State which was examined in consultation with the Planning Commission. The State Government was subsequently advised that the cost of implementing the Action Plan has to be met by the State Government from their normal Plan outlay as approved and finalised by the Planning Commission.

Construction of More Crematoriums in Delhi

2859. SHRI JEEVAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present electric crematorium in Delhi is in bad shape;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve its condition;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct more such crematoriums in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these are likely to be constructed along with the details of the crematoriums in existence;

(e) whether the crematorium ground near Kamal Cinema in South Delhi, New Delhi also needs improvement; and

(f) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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2860. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: